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RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR RULEMAKING Check one: Initial Agency Notice Agency Decision

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Agency Name: Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers, Department of Health Professions

Chapters affected:

VAC No. (e.g., 4 VAC 20-490):	Chapter Name (e.g., Regulations Pertaining to Sharks):
18 VAC 65-20-10 et seq.	Regulations of the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers

Statutory Authority: sections 54.1-2400 and 54.1-2810 of the Code of Virginia

Name of petitioner: Vanessa Harris

Nature of petitioner's request: To amend regulations to allow a funeral service licensee who is the manager of a funeral establishment to also hold a full-time job elsewhere.

INITIAL AGENCY NOTICE

Agency's plan for disposition of the request: The Board has referred the petitioner's request to the Legislative/Regulatory Committee, which will meet at 9:00 a.m. on April 22, 2003 in Conference Room 1 at 6603 West Broad Street, Richmond, VA to consider whether to recommend amendments to the statutory and regulatory requirements for a full-time manager.

Comments may be submitted until May 13, 2003

AGENCY DECISION

Request	Granted
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Request Denied

Statement of reasons for decision: Section 54.1-2810 of the Code of Virginia requires a licensed funeral establishment to have a full time, licensed manager in charge. In its regulations, the Board has interpreted "full time" to mean working 40 hours a week at the funeral establishment. Given the provision in law that a manager must be engaged full time at the establishment, the Board determined that the 40-hour/week requirement was reasonable.

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